

***Retirement Reception
and Building Naming
Honoring
Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, President
East Central Community College***



Sunday, May 6, 2012

*Associate Degree Nursing/Child
Development Technology Building*

Decatur, Mississippi

Dr. Phil A. Sutphin



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Dr. Phil Sutphin will have completed 42 years in education when he officially steps down as East Central Community College President on June 30, 2012. He has been employed in education since 1970.

Prior to joining the ECCC family in 1988, Dr. Sutphin was employed at Concord College in Athens, West Virginia, where he served as assistant to the president and assistant director of student affairs for financial aid.

He joined the ECCC staff as Dean of Students and later served as Dean of Instruction. He was named College President in 2000.

Dr. Sutphin's accomplishments as EC's leader are numerous and include technology upgrades, online instruction, the addition of new programs, and campus physical plant improvements.

The most recent addition to the campus includes completion of the Aaron R. Davis Science Building, which opened for lab instruction at the beginning of the 2012 spring term. Renovation of Cross Hall – where science classes continue to be held – is scheduled to begin in June 2012.

Enrollment also increased during Dr. Sutphin's tenure and reached a record 3,223 students in the 2011 fall semester. Increased scholarships and endowments are also noted accomplishments.

Dr. Sutphin has been a member of the Twin Districts Workforce Area Local Workforce Investment Board. He served as chairperson on the Commission of the Future of West Alabama and East Mississippi from 2001-05, a committee whose actions led to The Montgomery Institute, the WAEM/WIRED Grant and other regional economic development projects in east Mississippi.

He has participated in Habitat for Humanity and is a member of the Decatur Planning Board. He serves on the boards of directors for East Mississippi HealthNet, the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce and Laird Hospital.

He has also held positions of leadership in professional organizations and societies on the state and national levels. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and is past-president of the Mississippi Association of Colleges, past-chairman of the Rural Community Colleges Alliance and served as secretary for the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

He is a graduate of Wood College; Mississippi State University-Starkville, where he received bachelor and master's degrees; and the University of Memphis, where he earned his doctorate.

Dr. Sutphin and his wife, Peggy, have two sons, Brad and Brent, and daughter-in-law Mandie.

Welcome.....Dr. Lavinia B. Sparkman
Vice President for Instruction

Invocation.....Reverend Billy Owen, District Superintendent
Meridian District of the United Methodist Church

Introduction of Speakers.....Mr. Jimmy Hollingsworth, DMD
Chairman, Board of Trustees

House Resolution.....Mr. Randy Rushing
Mississippi House of Representatives
District 78 – Neshoba, Newton, Scott

Senate Resolution.....Mr. Giles Ward
Mississippi State Senate
District 18 – Leake, Neshoba, Winston

AD Nursing/Child Care
Building Naming.....Mr. Jimmy Hollingsworth, DMD
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Presentation of Gift.....Dr. Lavinia B. Sparkman
Vice President for Instruction

Response.....Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, President
East Central Community College

Benediction.....Reverend Bruce Taylor, Pastor
Decatur United Methodist Church

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Two o'clock to four o'clock in the afternoon

Presentation at three o'clock



